

# FRENCH LOSE BIG BATTLE TO BULGARS; WIN ANOTHER ON SOUTH SERBIAN LINE

## EQUALIZE CITY TAXES, RETRENCH IN EXPENSES, NEW YORK'S GREAT NEEDS

The Evening World, After Weeks of Expert Investigation, Submits a Programme to Reduce Taxation.

The Evening World, after weeks of investigation into the crisis which confronts the City of New York—a crisis seriously threatening real estate confiscation—begins to-day the publication of a series of articles dealing with the situation. These articles will establish:

1. That New York real estate is paying in taxes approximately 22 per cent. of its gross earnings—this computation being based on the assumption that real estate yields a gross return of 10 per cent. Approximately one-quarter of the rent paid in New York City goes for taxes.
2. That the gas, electric light and power and street railroad companies earn a gross return on their assessed valuation of approximately 33-1-3 per cent. and pay in taxes only 6-1-5 per cent. of the gross earnings.
3. That the burden on real estate has attained its limit of oppression and must be reduced.
4. That such a reduction entails taking a load of \$30,000,000 a year off real estate because the debt service of the city, outside of the needs of a growing population, will arbitrarily increase the budget from \$15,000,000 to \$25,000,000 a year for years to come.

### MANY CORPORATION MILLIONS UNTAXED.

5. That public utility corporations are evading their just share of taxation, that thousands of miscellaneous corporations are paying no city taxes at all and that millions of untaxed dollars are earning wealth in New York solely because of the advantages offered by the city as a market and trade centre.
6. That the Legislature, by designedly unjust taxation measures, takes from the city millions of dollars each year which should be paid by people living north of the Bronx.
7. That the machinery of City Government embraces too many employees, too many departments, too many bureaus, too much red tape, all these causes contributing to extravagance and inefficiency.

These points constitute a problem which must be solved, and the solution is up to the 6,000,000 people of this city. We must equalize taxation so that real estate shall be relieved of heavier burdens, and we must provide for inevitable budget increases at the same time. The remedy lies:

First—In the curtailment of municipal expenses.

Second—In forcing the Legislature, by the power of public sentiment and publicity, to limit its appropriations so that a direct tax shall be unnecessary, and to so apportion the State taxes that the city shall be relieved from contributing more than its just share.

Third—In raising new revenues by a fair distribution of taxation from persons and corporations who and which are reaping profits solely from the advantage of New York's commercial supremacy, these revenues to be raised along the following lines:

- A—A tax on the gross earnings of public utility corporations to bring them into proper relation to the tax on real estate.
- B—A tax on tangible property to compel non-residents to pay their share in return for the advantage they gain from doing business in New York City—a trade advantage tax, in fact. The thousands of "hide-out" corporations which do business in this city and have their so-called "principal offices" in centres of commercial activity, such as Essex, Lestershire and Millbrook, up State, would, under this tax, be compelled to pay the city a return on their tangible capital which is earning money in New York. Under such an act all tangible property which is enriching its owners in New York City would give a part of its earnings to the city which makes such earnings possible.

C—A tax on bond and stock transactions in the financial district of New York City in which millions of profits accrue each year solely because of the advantages offered by the city. For instance, all the stock transfer tax collected in New York should remain right here. The State will make up this amount by a revival of the old law taxing inheritances.

### WHITMAN ADMITS STATE TAX BUNGLING.

First of the series of articles going into details of the investigation will appear to-morrow.

The direct State tax of nearly \$14,000,000 which the city must pay this year was clearly established as unnecessary and oppressive by The Evening World last spring before the Governor signed it. Now comes the Governor and admits The Evening World was right. In a statement issued from the Executive Chamber at Albany yesterday, referring to the appropriation and special bills on which the direct tax levy was based, the Governor said that:

"Owing to the brief time available and the frank ignorance of many department heads concerning the financial details of their offices, most of the retrenchment work had to be done, as in the past, 'with an axe.'

"The legal restrictions upon the Governor's veto, which prohibit him from reducing a single item, though he may veto it entirely, made it impossible to segregate the necessary from the unnecessary appropriations without impairing the efficiency of some legitimate State functions."

This statement of the Governor would seem to dispose of all the talk about adding further to New York City's burdens by imposing a State income tax.

## MAYOR DOING FINE; NO BAD SYMPTOMS AFTER OPERATION

Bulletin on Appendicitis Victim's Condition Says All Is Favorable.

MAY BE OUT IN 2 WEEKS.

Wife Spends Night Near Him in Hospital—McAneny Acting Mayor.

Mayor John Purroy Mitchel, who was operated upon for appendicitis at Roosevelt Hospital last evening, was reported to be resting easy to-day, with all the symptoms of a quick recovery. The following bulletin was posted at noon:

"12 M.—The Mayor's condition continues to be favorable. His temperature is 99.2, pulse 88 and respiration 20. "DR. C. H. PECK. "DR. W. L. POST."

The temperature was over a degree higher than that stated in the last previous bulletin and the pulse count had decreased eight. The physician said these changes were not significant.

Mrs. Mitchel, who occupied a room next to that of the Mayor, was up at 6 o'clock and was cheered by the soundness of the sleep in which she found him. From 8 o'clock on she was kept busy receiving visits from the Mayor's friends, including nearly all of the higher officials of the city Administration, including Dock Commissioner R. A. C. Smith, Corporation Counsel Lamar Hardy, Commissioner of Licenses Bell and John E. Weiler, Queens Park Commissioner, Commissioner of Police Woods and Commissioner of Charities Kingsbury telephoned.

The operator of the hospital switchboard called for help early in the day because of the number of inquiries as to the Mayor's condition. The pressure became especially heavy soon after dawn, when a wild rumor of the Mayor's death spread over the city in a flash.

Dr. Martin J. Dwyer, the physician who attended the Mayor through an attack of typhoid two years ago, found the Mayor awake when he called at 11 o'clock.

"Hello, Doc, how you feel as well as I do," was his cheerful greeting. Dr. Dwyer said that he was amazed to find that no trace of fever had followed the operation.

When the Mayor awoke he told the nurse he felt much refreshed and suffered very little pain. This bulletin was issued at 8 A. M. to-day.

Mayor Mitchel passed a very comfortable night. This morning he is resting easy and has no unfavorable symptoms. His temperature is 98.8; pulse, 86; respiration, 20.

Gov. Whitman telegraphed: "I am sincerely sorry to learn of your illness and hope that your recovery will be speedy." President George A. McAneny of the Board of Aldermen called on the Mayor late this afternoon. He reported the patient in excellent condition.

Aldermen Express Sympathy With the Mayor.

The Board of Aldermen at this afternoon's meeting unanimously adopted the following resolution introduced by Chairman Henry H. Curran and Tammany Leader Frank L. Dowling:

"Resolved, That this board express its sympathy with His Honor, the Mayor, in his sudden illness and hereby tender its hearty wish for his speedy and complete recovery."

ANCONA CARRIED \$800,000.

Gold Coin on Way Here to Pay War Expenses Went Down With Liner.

ROME, Nov. 16.—Eight hundred thousand dollars in gold, to be deposited in the San Francisco Sub-Treasury to meet certain war expenses, went down with the Italian liner Ancona, sunk by a submarine. Bankers here made this announcement to-day.

## Germans Organize a Camel Corps in Africa, Anticipating Invasion by the British



GERMAN CAMEL CORPS IN EAST AFRICA. (INT. FILM SER.) It is reported that the British will shortly send a military expedition against German East Africa. The Government of the Union of South Africa has decided to send 25,000 men against the colony if necessary. The Germans have been preparing for resistance and have organized, among other means of defense, a camel corps.

## FIVE ARE INJURED BY AUTO UPSET; GIRL USHER DYING

Three Victims to Hospital—Four Other Members of Party Held.

A big touring car containing four women and three men, while going east at moderate speed through East One Hundred and Forty-ninth Street early to-day, swerved against the south curb near Union Avenue and turned a complete somersault. All except two of the men were pinned under the machine.

In Lincoln Hospital are three of the occupants, who describe themselves:

MILLER, ROSE, twenty-five years old, usher in Apollo Theatre in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street and living at No. 237 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Street. Has a fracture of the skull and internal injuries, and probably will die.

DECKER, ANNIE, nineteen, cashier in the Apollo Theatre, and living at No. 61 East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Street. Several broken ribs and internal injuries.

DUNN, HARRY, fifty years old, stationer and printer, No. 893 Faile Street. Concussion of the brain and internal injuries.

Others detained in the Walton Avenue Police Station to be questioned gave these names:

Mrs. Florence Lloyd, fifty, of No. 6 East One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Street, and her eighteen-year-old daughter, Shalren, a moving picture actress and model, of the same address; Joseph Goodman, twenty-five, of Cathedral Parkway, son of a wealthy contractor, whose place of business he gave as No. 261 East One Hundred and Thirty-third Street, and Frank Demarest, twenty-four, No. 1002 Garrison Avenue, Bronx, son of a wealthy feed merchant.

The police say Goodman first gave his name as Griffin and said he was

a clerk living at No. 1650 Valentine Avenue.

The police say the wrecked automobile was driven by Demarest, is owned by him or his father, and is almost new. When Mrs. Lloyd had sufficiently recovered from the shock and excitement she told the police she went to a theatre with her daughter last night, and afterward met Goodman, an acquaintance, and went with him to a cabaret. Later they met the others, and finally started with Demarest for a cabaret in the Bronx.

According to the police, Demarest was driving and Miss Miller was on the front seat with him. The others were in the hooded tonneau, some sitting on the laps of others.

It is believed Demarest took one hand from the steering wheel for an instant and caused it to swerve. When he machine turned over Demarest and Goodman were the only ones among the occupants to be thrown clear. Later Demarest was held in \$2,000 to appear this afternoon before the Coroner.

## STARVING GIRL TOOK POISON IN CHURCH

Margaret McGrath, Seventeen, Said She Had Been Looking for Work for Two Days.

The sobbs of a girl attracted the attention of three women to-day as they knelt in St. Michael's Church, No. 233 Jerome Street, East New York.

As they approached she drained a bottle of iodine. At the Kings County Hospital she said she was Margaret McGrath, seventeen, of No. 2347 East Third Street, Long Island City; that she had been looking for work two days and was starving.

### BOWIE RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Selling; two-year-olds, five and six furlongs. Marigold, 103 (Parrott), \$2,000; 111 (Bulger), \$2,250; 116 (First), \$2,000; 118 (Bulger), \$2,250; 120 (Bulger), \$2,000; 122 (Bulger), \$2,250; 124 (Bulger), \$2,000; 126 (Bulger), \$2,250; 128 (Bulger), \$2,000; 130 (Bulger), \$2,250; 132 (Bulger), \$2,000; 134 (Bulger), \$2,250; 136 (Bulger), \$2,000; 138 (Bulger), \$2,250; 140 (Bulger), \$2,000; 142 (Bulger), \$2,250; 144 (Bulger), \$2,000; 146 (Bulger), \$2,250; 148 (Bulger), \$2,000; 150 (Bulger), \$2,250; 152 (Bulger), \$2,000; 154 (Bulger), \$2,250; 156 (Bulger), \$2,000; 158 (Bulger), \$2,250; 160 (Bulger), \$2,000; 162 (Bulger), \$2,250; 164 (Bulger), \$2,000; 166 (Bulger), \$2,250; 168 (Bulger), \$2,000; 170 (Bulger), \$2,250; 172 (Bulger), \$2,000; 174 (Bulger), \$2,250; 176 (Bulger), \$2,000; 178 (Bulger), \$2,250; 180 (Bulger), \$2,000; 182 (Bulger), \$2,250; 184 (Bulger), \$2,000; 186 (Bulger), \$2,250; 188 (Bulger), \$2,000; 190 (Bulger), \$2,250; 192 (Bulger), \$2,000; 194 (Bulger), \$2,250; 196 (Bulger), \$2,000; 198 (Bulger), \$2,250; 200 (Bulger), \$2,000.

Sunday World "Wants" Work Monday Wonders.

## KITCHENER NEARING GREECE WITH MESSAGE FROM ALLIES MAKING DEMANDS ON KING

French Troops in 36-Hour Battle Repulse 30,000 Bulgars, but French Centre in Same Serbian Front Is Pierced in Two Places.

## SERBIAN KING FIGHTING IN UNIFORM OF PRIVATE

SALONICA, Greece (via London), Nov. 16.—After heavy fighting with the reinforced Bulgarian troops in Southern Serbia the French were compelled to retire at two points in the vicinity of Gradisce, twelve miles north of the Greek border.

A Bulgarian attack along the Cerna River was repulsed, with heavy losses to the attackers.

The battle on the Cerna was waged along the left bank of the river. Two or three Bulgarian divisions (probably about 30,000 men) were engaged, and a desperate attempt was made to pierce the French centre. The engagement was in progress with furious intensity for thirty-six hours, after which the Bulgarians were beaten back along this entire front.

The situation in Macedonia is developing rapidly. Large reinforcements have been brought in by the Bulgarians, who are making renewed efforts to force Babuna Pass. The Serbians are still holding out there, but this movement threatens Perlepe and Monastir. Many inhabitants of Monastir are preparing to depart. The members of the Diplomatic Corps have changed their plans, and intend to proceed to Scutaria, Albania, instead of to Monastir.

BERLIN, Nov. 16 (by wireless to Sayville).—More than 1,000 additional Serbian troops were captured yesterday, the War Office announced to-day.

## Greek Plans Reported Changed In Favor of the Serb Troops

LONDON, Nov. 16.—A report from Athens says the Greek Government has modified its position in favor of the entente allies, and has decided that, in the event of a retreat of the

allies to Greek soil, the Serbian troops will be placed on the same footing as the British and French. Premier Skouloudis originally proposed to permit the French and British to reach the sea without interference from the Greeks, but to disarm Serbians who crossed the border. The change is due, the correspondent says, to formidable objections raised by the French Minister at Athens.

This report is simultaneous with a despatch reporting the landing of Earl Kitchener at Mudros, on the island of Lemnos, 120 miles from Salonica, and forty miles from Gallipoli Peninsula.

Earl Kitchener was accompanied to Mudros, on the Aegean Sea, by "the Resident General of Egypt," (by which is probably meant Major Gen Julian, H. G. B. N. G., Commander of the British forces in Egypt.

Definite guarantees regarding her attitude are sought from Greece by Kitchener, because they purpose sending another large force into the Balkans, establishing an entirely new front, according to an Athens despatch forwarded from London, early to-day.

A despatch from Salonica says the morale of the Serbians is splendid. Half trained recruits march to battle singing like veterans. Aged King Peter is fighting in the trenches, clad in the uniform of a private. He seeks death, saying: "When I am killed you can flee or surrender."

Famine and misery prevail. There is no bread at Mitrovica. The people are reduced to eating harlicks.

Berlin Reports Clash of Greeks and French.

BERLIN (via Tuckerton wireless). Nov. 16.—Greek and French troops have clashed at Salonica, Vienna messengers say to-day.

The French tried to occupy a Greek